

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated **July 30, 2003**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 3-37 are pending. Claim 38 has been added, re-instating cancelled claim 2. Claims 1 and 3-38 will therefore be pending upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 1, 11 and 21 are independent claims from which claims 3-10, 12-20 and 22-37 respectively depend. Claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found in the application as originally filed on page 2, the last paragraph, page 3, first paragraph, page 9, last paragraph continuing on page 10, and elsewhere in the application.

Claims 11, 13-16, 21-25, 28, 32-35 and 37 have been rejected as being anticipated by Devillier (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,435). Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10 and 26 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Cox (U.S. Patent No. 5,812,533). Claim 7 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Cox and further in view of Griffiths (U.S. Patent No. 5,481,602). Claim 9 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Cox and further in view of Madoch (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,409). Claim 12 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Malik (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,875). Claims 17 and 27 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Madoch. Claims 18-20 and 29-31 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Bossemeyer, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,809). Claim 23 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Dugan (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,411). Claim 36 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Griffiths.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3-38, as amended herein, are patentably distinct from the cited references for the following reasons, among others.

Confirmation of Acceptance of Formal Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that formal drawings filed by Applicant on May 9, 2001 have been accepted.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11, 13-16, 21-25, 28, 32-35 and 37 have been rejected as being anticipated by Devillier. Applicants' amended claim 11 recites:

In an advanced intelligent network comprising a service switching point connected to a first telephone station, a plurality of services nodes each having interactive data systems, a service control point containing a database, and a second telephone station, a method of audibly providing information concerning the first telephone, comprising:

at the service switching point, placing a first call from the first telephone station to the second telephone station;

at the service switching point, forwarding a request to the service control point to identify one of the plurality of services nodes to place *a second call* to the second telephone station;

at the service control point, identifying one of the plurality of services nodes *to place the second call* to the second telephone station;

at the services node identified by the service control point, forwarding a request to the service control point to provide information associated with the first telephone station;

at the service control point, identifying information associated with the first telephone station from a database on said service control point;

at the services node identified by the service control point, receiving the information associated with the first telephone station from the service control point; and

at the services node, *placing the second call* to the second telephone station and audibly announcing the information associated with the first telephone station to the second telephone station.

Devillier describes a method to audibly announce a caller name to a subscriber by asking the caller to say his name, recording it and playing the name back when the call is completed. (Devillier, abstract, FIGs. 1, 6, column 2, line 65-column 3 line 13). Devillier

does not disclose or suggest at least the italicized features of amended claim 11. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 11 is not anticipated by Devillier and request the withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claim 11 and its dependent claims, 13-16.

Amended claim 21 recites features analogous to those discussed with respect to amended claim 11. Claim 21 recites:

A system for audibly announcing information associated with a first telephone station to a second telephone station, comprising:
a service switching point in communication with the first telephone station, *the service switching point adapted to place a first call from the first telephone station to the second telephone station;*
a services node communicating with the service switching point, the services node adapted to *place a second call from the services node to the second telephone station and* audibly announce information associated with the first telephone station to the second telephone station; and
a service control point communicating with said service switching point and said services node, and having a database including information associated with the first telephone station wherein said services node receives said information associated with the first telephone station from said service control point and communicates an audible announcement of said information to said second telephone station. of these claims.

Devillier does not disclose or suggest at least the italicized features of amended claim 21. Hence Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 21 is not anticipated by Devillier for the reasons stated above and request the withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claim 21 and its dependent claims, 22-25, 28, 32-35 and 37.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10 and 26 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Devillier in view of Cox (U.S. Patent No., 5,812,533). Applicants' amended claim 1 recites:

A method for providing audible caller information for calls routed from a first telephone station to a second telephone station via a switching network, comprising:
placing a first telephone call from the first telephone station directed to the second telephone station via the switching network;

placing a second telephone call from a services node to the second telephone station;

determining information associated with the first telephone station from a database stored at a services control point; and

audibly communicating the information associated with the first telephone station to the second telephone station *via the second telephone call.*

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is patentably distinct and non-obvious from Devillier and Cox, alone or in combination, because it would not be obvious to combine Devillier and Cox, and even if combined, neither Devillier nor Cox disclose or suggest at least “placing a *second* telephone call from a services node to the second telephone station” (emphasis added).

It would not be obvious to combine Devillier and Cox because Devillier is directing to service creation, (providing an audible caller name to a subscriber), while Cox is directed to simplifying the task of provisioning services. (“The technical area of the present invention is complementary to this type of service creation but *is more concerned with the deployment and delivery of services created, than with the creation process itself.*” See column 3, lines 39-42, emphasis added).

However, even if combined, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is patentably distinct and non-obvious from Devillier and Cox, alone or in combination, because neither Devillier nor Cox disclose or suggest at least “*placing a second telephone call*” as recited by amended claim 1.

As discussed above, Devillier describes a method to audibly announce a caller name to a subscriber by asking the caller to say his name, recording it and playing the name back when the call is completed. (Devillier, abstract, FIGs. 1, 6, column 2, line 65-column 3 line

13). Devillier does not disclose or suggest placing a second telephone call as defined by }
amended claim 1.

Similarly, Cox does not disclose or suggest placing a second telephone call. Cox describes a service delivery infrastructure which makes it easier to provision telephony services. The service delivery infrastructure uses an array of service independent features and has an object oriented architecture that interacts with many systems, including billing and network management systems. (Cox, abstract, FIG. 2, column3, lines 51-67).

Hence Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and the claims that depend therefrom are patentably distinct from the cited references and request the withdrawal of the § 103 rejections of claims 1, 3-6, 8 and 10. As discussed above, claim 21 has been amended to include features analogous to those discussed above with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 26 is allowable because it depends from allowable claim 21.

The deficiencies of Devillier and Cox are not remedied by Griffiths or Madoch, hence Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 9 are allowable as depending from allowable claim 1 and request the withdrawal of the § 103 rejections of claims 7 and 9.

Neither Malik, Madoch, Bossemeyer, Dugan, nor Griffiths remedy the deficiencies of Devillier and Cox. Hence, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12, 17-20, 23, 27, 29, 31 and 36 are allowable as depending from allowable claim 11 and 21 and request the withdrawal of the § 103 rejections of these claims.

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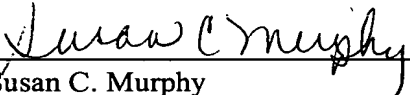
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and an early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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